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SUBJ: ZAMBIAN EDITOR PREVIEWS KAUNDA U.S. TRIP

IN AN EXTENSIVE STORY TITLED "KK, CARTER TALKS COULD PRODUCE FIREWORKS", TIMES OF ZAMBIA DEPTY EDITOR-IN-CHIEF BILL SAIDI EXAMINED THE UPCOMING MEETING BETWEEN THE TWO LEADERS. MR. SAIDI, A PROMINENT ZAMBIAN JOURNALIST, OPENED THE PIECE BY NOTING THE MANY SIMILARITIES BETWEEN THE TWO LEADERS: "THEY WERE BORN THE SAME YEAR, FIVE MONTHS APART. THEY ARE BOTH DEEPLY RELIGIOUS. THE ONE BEING A 'BORN-AGAIN' BAPTIST, THE OTHER IS THE SON OF A MISSIONARY--INSPITE OF THESE SIMILARITIES IN THEIR BACKGROUND, WHEN PRESIDENT KAUNDA MEETS PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER DURING HIS TOUR OF THE UNITED STATES NEXT MONTH, THERE MAY BE FIREWORKS." HE ADDED: "SOUTHERN AFRICA AND THE UNITED STATES' SUPPORT (ECONOMIC AS WELL AS POLITICAL) FOR SOUTH AFRICA IS WHERE THEY ARE LIKELY TO PART COMPANY. PRESIDENT KAUNDA SPEAKS EMOTIONALLY ON THE SUBJECT.

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HE NOTED THAT "PUBLICLY, DR. KAUNDA HAS EXPRESSED HIS ADMIRATION OF PRESIDENT CARTER. HE HAS SAID ON ONE OCCASION THAT PRESIDENT CARTER MAY HAVE GOOD INTENTIONS, BUT ALL HIS PLANS MAY BE STYMIED BY THE AMERICAN 'ESTABLISHMENT' WHICH CAN BE TRANSLATED TO MEAN THE MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX WHICH PRACTICALLY RUNS THE UNITED STATES. THE EVIDENCE OF THIS CAN BE GLEANED FROM CARTER'S FORAY INTO THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN POLITICAL JUNGLE. IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THE

PEANUT FARMER, IF HE HAD HIS WAY, WOULD GLADLY GO THE WHOLE HOG IN SUPPORTING THE PARTIOTIC FRONT AGAINST IAN SMITH."
BUT SAIDI NOTED: "WITH A SECRETARY OF STATE LIKE CYRUS VANCE -- A MEMBER OF THE 'ESTABLISHMENT' -- IT IS NOT EASY FOR MR. CARTER VANCE IS A 'COLD WARRIOR', DETERMINED TO SEE EVERYTHING IN EAST-WEST TERMS. HE AND ANDREW YOUNG ARE PROBABLY AGREED ON MANY THINGS, EXCEPT HOW TO TACKLE THE SOUTHERN AFRICA PROBLEM."

IN REVIEWING U.S./AFRICA RELATIONS SAIDI SAID PRESIDENT KAUNDA HAD "PRACTICALLY STAKED HIS POLITICAL CAREER" ON THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN SITUATION. THE TIMES EDITOR SAID AT HIS FIRST MEETING WITH THE "FLAMBOYANT HENRY KISSINGER," KAUNDA WAS EFFUSIVE IN HIS PRAISE OF THE NEW AMERICAN STRATEGY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. ACCORDING TO SAIDI, "DR. KAUNDA WAS GENUINELY CONVINCED THAT KISSINGER, HAVING RE-ASSESSED HIS COUNTRY'S POLICIES IN THE CONTINENT, HAD DECIDED TO GIVE THEM A NEW POSITIVE IMPETUS...IN THE END, HOWEVER, KISSINGER'S PRE-OCCUPATION WITH EAST-WEST POLITICS GAVE HIS GAME AWAY

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ALL HE WAS INTERESTED IN, IT TURNED OUT, WAS TO PREVENT THE 'DREADED' COMMUNISTS FROM GAINING A FOOTHOLD IN ZIMBABWE."

TURNING HIS ATTENTION TO THE UPCOMING MEETING BETWEEN KAUNDA AND CARTER, SAIDI SAID THE ZAMBIAN LEADER "WILL PUT CARTER RIGHT ON MANY ASPECTS OF THE SOUTHERN AFRICA SITUATION. AS THE HEAD OF A COUNTRY WHICH SHARES A LONG AND TROUBLED BORDER WITH THE REBELS, (KAUNDA) IS IN A UNIQUE POSITION TO GIVE CARTER A FIRST HAND ACCOUNT
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OF WHAT IS REALLY HAPPENING."

IN ADDITION, "THE PRESIDENT IS ALSO LIKELY TO GIVE CARTER HIS OWN IMPRESSION OF THE 'ENFANT TERRIBLE' OF THE AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION, THE BLUNT-SPEAKING, LET-THEM-HAVE-IT-MR. ANDREW YOUNG. ESTABLISHMENT MEMBERS OF THE UJMS. ADMINISTRATION ARE NATURALLY ALARMED BY MR. YOUNG'S RADICAL VIEWS ON SUBJECTS RANGING FROM RACIALISM IN SWEDEN TO BRITISH SPINELESSNESS IN ZIMBABWE."

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SAIDI WENT

ON TO SAY THAT PRESIDENT CARTER "DOES NOT SEEM TO
SHARE THISTO

RM, MAINTAINING HIS EARLIER CONFIDENCE IN THE
BLACK AMERICAN." HE WROTE: "CARTER NEEDS YOUNG, WHO, PERHAPS
WITH VICE-PRESIDENT WALTER MONDALE, ARE THE ADMINISTRATION'S
'LIBERAL' STANDARD-BEARERS. ON AFRICA, YOUNG'(VIEWS ARE VERY
MUCH IN HARMONY WITH THOSE OF THE FRONTLINE STATES, ALTHOUGH
HE SOMETIMES SOUNDS AS IF HE TOO MISTRUSTED THE PATRIOTIC
FRONT."

ON HUMAN RIGHTS, SAIDI SAID CARTER'S "HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN

RANG TRUE, UNTIL IT CAME TO SOUTHERN AFRICA. HE HAS WAFFLED
ON THIWIOBVIOUSLYQKQITH AN EYE ON LOCAL POLITICS, SHYING AWAY
FROM USING HE KIND OF INFLAMMATORY LANGUAGE THAT HZIHAS Q:\$
IN CONDEMNINGNLHE DENIAL OFHYUMAN RIGHTS IMN FOR INSTANCE, THE
SOVIET UNION AND OTHER EAST-BLOC NATIONS".
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HE ADDED, THAT "MR. CARTER HAS BEEN OBSESSED WITH THE SUBJECT
OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE COMMUNIST COUNTRIES." QPRESIDENT KAUNDA
WILL EMPHASIZE TO PRESIDENT CARTER THAT NEED FOR A "TMPROPERLY
REASONED CAMPAIGN WHICH MUST INCLUDE THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE
OF SOUTQU
FRICA, NAMIBIA AND ZIMBABWE WHICH ARE VIOLATED IN
MANNER UNIMAGINABLE EVEN IN THE SOVIET UNION."

TD CONCLUSION, SAIDI ST ID "IT IS VERY UNLIKELY THAT PRESIDENT
KAUNDA WILL FEEL COMPELLED TO REPEAT HIS IMPROMPTU PERFORMANCE
OF 1976? BEFORE GERELD FORD AND HENRY KISSINGER. WITH CARTER,

EATHE LIKELIHOOD IS THAT A RAPPORT WILL BE ESTABLISHED, AS BETWEEN
YOUNG MEN OF THE SAME AGE MEETING FOR THE FIRST TIME - AND THERE
WILL BE NO NEED FOR DEPARTURES FROM PROTOCOL. EXCEPT THAT
PRESIDENT KAUNDA, AS USUAL, WILL NOT MINCE HIS WORDS." ITEM ICA
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